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Dear Chairman Muller:

I commend the Board for proposing that trash as a "pollutant of concern" be included its pending Municipal Regional Permit for storm water runoff. Your leadership on this issue will mean that we can begin to significantly address one of the most common—and most controllable—pollutants in our waterways.

The health of the Bay is of vital concern to us all. By establishing measurable and attainable reduction goals over time, cities and counties will be able to develop long-term plans to eliminate the accumulation of trash in the waterways that enter into the Bay. Trash pollution affects not only affects water quality, but also endangers wildlife and is a deterrent to the pubic use of our creeks, shorelines and beaches.

Again, I want to commend you on your leadership and your vision. Please let me know if I can be off assistance to you or the Board as you debate this issue.

Sincerely,

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